

California Horse Racing Board

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Golden Gate Fields, Berkeley, California
TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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Report for the Period of Wednesday, November 6, 2019 Through Monday, November 11, 2019.

WEDNESDAY

11/6/19¹

DARK DAY ASSIGNMENT

Steward **Dennis Nevin** was present for Saturday entries and Friday changes along with any other matters that might arise.

THURSDAY

11/7/19¹

RICH RULING (REFER 11-3-19²)**Ruling # 9**

Trainer **Eduardo L. Rich**, who worked the horse **Uncontainable** for removal from the Veterinarian's List at **Golden Gate Fields** on September 6, 2019, is fined the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00)*, pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1887 (Trainer or Owner To Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1843 (a) & (d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances – Triamcinolone Acetonide, "Vetalog" [Class 4]) and #1866 (e) (Veterinarian's List).

The above ruling was issued following last Sunday's informal hearing. The medication was administered by **Dr. Matuzak** twelve days before the work and all were surprised that the substance remained in the horse's system for that length of time. The horse subsequently worked and was removed from the Vet's list.

11/7/19²

VALLEJO RULING**Ruling # 10**

Trainer **Genaro Vallejo** is fined the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) * for failure to have the horse **Hard Arch** properly shod for the second race on Sunday November 3, 2019; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1853 (Examination Required).

The above ruling was issued after **Vallejo** contacted the Steward's by phone from Southern California. His horse showed up to the receiving barn without hind shoes and there was no record of his entering the race with "Shoes Off". Horseshoe Inspector **Augustin Rayas** notified the Stewards of the discrepancy. After consultation with **Vallejo** that day **Rayas** put hind shoes on **Hard Arch** and the horse was allowed to start.

11/7/19³

KLINE REINSTATEMENT

Ruling # 11

Expired owner licensee **Carolyn R. Kline** having discharged her financial obligation to **San Francisco Equine, Inc.** through bankruptcy court is hereby deemed eligible to apply for relicensing and Pacific Racing Association ruling #73, dated May 1, 2010, suspending **Mrs. Kline** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear) is hereby set aside.

Ruling # 12

Expired owner licensee **William G. Kline** having discharged his financial obligation to **San Francisco Equine, Inc.** through bankruptcy court is hereby deemed eligible to apply for relicensing and Pacific Racing Association ruling #72, dated May 1, 2010, suspending **Mr. Kline** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear) is hereby set aside.

The above rulings were released after the Stewards received written notification from **San Francisco Equine** that the debt had been discharged through bankruptcy proceedings.

11/7/19⁴

EARLY DECLARATIONS

3RD - #8 **Super Beauty** (Tr. **Cliff DeLima**) Unsound – Dr. Sporer – Refund \$ 108.00

5TH - #11 **Fighting Beauty** (Tr. **Steve Miyadi**) Stewards – Also Eligible – Refund \$ 4,305.87

6TH - #3 **Cravens Champ** (Tr. **Rene Amescua**) Vet – Sick – Dr. Sporer – Refund \$ 180.21

7TH - #7 **Ca Dreamer** (Tr. **Steve Miyadi**) Stewards – Re-enter – Refund \$ 187.05

11/7/19⁵

CLAIM VOIDED

Trainer **Rene Amescua** deposited a claim for **Meet And Greet** in today's fourth race which was subsequently voided when Official Veterinarian **Kathy Jones** diagnosed the mare as off on the right front and placed her on the Vet's list. **Meet And Great** was returned to **Blaine Wright's** barn.

11/7/19⁶

LATE SCRATCH – FIFTH RACE - REFUND

#10 **Samantha's Journey**, trained by **Jose Puentes**, was scratched by the Stewards on the recommendation of Track Veterinarian **Bill Grantham** who stated the horse failed to warm up properly as the field made its way to the starting gate. On Vet's list. The refund amounted to \$ 4,305.87.

11/7/19⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

NCOT	736	\$265,195.52
GG	527	\$111,310.00
OUT OF STATE	n/a	\$1,324,853.41
TOTAL	1,263	\$1,701,358.93

FRIDAY

11/8/19¹

PRADO RULING (CASE #19BM0149)

RULING #13

Association Employee **John S. Prado**, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at **Golden Gate Fields** on or before November 7, 2019, is hereby suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear) pending an appearance at a hearing before the Board of Stewards to answer charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rules # 1489 (7) & (8) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License), #1900 (Grounds For Suspension or Revocation) and #1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing).

The above ruling was distributed after **Mr. Prado** did not appear as required. The complaint alleges **Prado** was arrested for possession, sales and transportation of a controlled substance.

11/8/19²

FLORES RULING

Ruling # 14

Jockey **Pedro Flores** who rode **Myra's Beauty** in the second race at **Golden Gate Fields** on November 7, 2019 is fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop-used more than three times without giving the horse a chance to respond).

The above ruling resulted after **Flores** appeared and pled guilty to applying the crop four times in the stretch.

11/8/19³

OROZCO HEARING (CASE #19BM0049)

A hearing was convened today for jockey **Irving Orozco** into a complaint filed by California Horse Racing Board Investigator **Louis Quezada** alleging that **Orozco** tested positive for cocaine during random drug testing at the **Big Fresno Fair** on October 4, 2019.

After the record was opened **Orozco** stated he did not receive a copy of the complaint until this morning and requested a continuance.

It was noted on the record that the complaint packet and notice to appear were sent to his address of record on file with the Board. **Orozco** stated he has moved and did not notify the Board of his new address.

The Stewards took the request for a continuance under advisement. After deliberation the following ruling was issued:

Ruling # 15

Jockey **Irving D. Orozco** is hereby suspended beginning Tuesday **November 12, 2019**, pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1529 (Referral to the Board) pending a hearing into complaint #19BM0049 alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1489 (a) (8) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License), #1500.1 (b) (2) (B) (Random Drug Testing- Cocaine), #1874 (Disorderly Conduct) and #1900 (Grounds for Suspension or Revocation). The matter is referred to the California Horse Racing Board for hearing and/or adjudication.

During the term of suspension all licenses and license privileges of **Irving D. Orozco** are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine) **Mr. Orozco** is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

11/8/19⁴

CLAIMS VOIDED

Two claims were voided during the afternoon's seven race card.

In the third race the place horse **Fruitfully** was returned to **Isidro Tamayo** after Official Veterinarian **Kathy Jones** determined the horse was off on the right front. **Jonathan Wong's** claim was voided.

In the fifth race trainer **Reid France** dropped a claim for the winner **Devious Detective** but once again **Dr. Jones** diagnosed the horse as off on the right front thereby making the transaction void. Trainer **Blaine Wright** retained possession.

11/8/19⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

NCOT	1,052	\$ 452,717.63
GG	845	\$ 172,050.94
OUT OF STATE	n/a	\$ 1,153,358.13
TOTAL	1,897	\$1,778,126.70

SATURDAY

11/9/19¹

EARLY DECLARATIONS

3RD - #2 **Our Favorite City** (Tr. **Sherrie Monroe**) Vet – Sick – Dr. Sporer – Refund \$ 140.76

8TH - #5 **Music Babe** (Tr. **Reid France**) Vet – Sick – Dr. Cloniger – Refund \$ 773.60

9TH - #1 **La Gata Elegante** (Tr. **Wayne Baker**) Vet – Sick – Dr. Sporer – Refund \$ 158.90

11/9/19²

LOPEZ HEARING (Case #19BM0050 & 19GG0146)

An informal hearing was held for jockey **David C. Lopez** who was the subject of two complaints after he tested positive for marijuana use after random drug tests were conducted at the Big Fresno Fair on **October 4, 2019**. Complaint #19BM0050 related to the original test findings and #19GG0146 concerned a retest almost two weeks later when **Lopez** was attempting to determine if the substance had cleared his system. **Lopez** was not allowed to ride or accept mounts until he tested negative for **marijuana** and that was accomplished on October 26, 2019. After considering all the facts of the case **Lopez** was asked to submit a urine sample today for analysis and the Stewards issued the following ruling:

Ruling # 16

Jockey **David C. Lopez** is fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) * for testing positive for marijuana use on October 4, 2019 at the **Big Fresno Fair** resulting in his removal from mounts pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1500.1 (Random Drug Testing).

11/9/19³

FILM REVIEW

Jockey **Kevin Krigger** appeared to review yesterday's seventh race where his mount crossed in front of a rival in mid-stretch. Today **Krigger** pointed out his mount drifted in despite his efforts to the contrary.

11/9/19⁴

SUBSTITUTIONS

Three personnel changes were affected today. **Dr. Ashton Cloniger DVM** filled in for **Dr. Kathy Jones DVM** as Official Veterinarian. **Jones** has been working in place of **Dr. Forest Franklin** for the past two weeks. **Randy Cope** replaced **Todd Stephens** as the starter today and **John Leon** inherited the paddock judge duties from **Linda Anderson**. All three positions will revert back to normal on the morrow.

11/9/19⁵

QUIETNESS

The afternoons nine race program was conducted without noteworthy incident.

11/9/19⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

NCOT	1,848	\$ 713,152.75
GG	1,182	\$ 287,398.14
OUT OF STATE	n/a	\$ 1,319,640.64
TOTAL	3,030	\$ 2,320,191.53

SUNDAY11/10/19¹**DELIA HEARING (CASE #19GG0145)**

An informal hearing was conducted for trainer **Bill Delia** who worked the horse **Hot Encounter** for removal from the Vet's list on September 26, 2019. The blood test taken that day showed the presence of Bute at a level of 2.48 mcg/mc.

Delia was accompanied by attorney **Jim Ghidella** and California Horse Racing Board investigator **Noe Longoria** presented the case. After hearing the facts of the case **Delia** was issued an official warning as his medication record was within the specified parameters contained in the rules and regulations that permitted a non-pecuniary penalty.

11/10/19²**EARLY DECLARATIONS**

1ST Race - #2 **Just Keep Swimming** (Tr. **Ed Moger**) Vet – Sick – Dr. Christin – Refund \$ 479.86
 3RD Race - # **Midnight Destiny** (Tr. **Jonathan Wong**) Vet–Injured–Dr. Christin–Refund \$ 652.98
 6TH Race - #4 **Many Moods** (Tr. **Isidro Tamayo**) Vet - Sick – Dr. Sporer – Refund \$ 494.78

11/10/19³**PHOTO BEGONE**

The photo finish camera malfunctioned following the running of the fourth race in a previously unexperienced fashion. A picture of the finish appeared on the Placing Judges' monitor then seconds later disappeared. Photo Technician **Shannon Koerner** quickly brought up the back-up camera photo and it too vanished after a brief appearance.
 The Stewards and Placing Judges affirmed and confirmed the order of finish off our programs and the video replays. **Koerner** rebooted the system and the cameras performed as designed for the balance of the afternoon.

The search for the cause of the malfunction is on-going and statewide camera supervisor **Jim Anderson** will be on-site tomorrow to locate the source of the problem.

11/10/19⁴**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

NCOT	1,465	\$ 558,045.03
GG	2965	\$ 421,591.94
OUT of STATE	n/a	\$ 1,689,303.72
TOTAL	4,430	\$ 2,668,940.69

MONDAY11/11/19¹**EARLY DECLARATIONS**

1ST Race: #4 **Street Jazz** (Tr. **Greg James**) Vet – Unsound – Dr. Sporer – Refund \$ 555.06
 5TH Race: #1 **Maycee Jo** (Tr. **Bill Mclean**) Vet – Injured – Dr. Sporer – Refund \$ 669.04
 #6 **Meet Miss Kitty** (Tr. **Cliff DeLima**) Vet – Sick – Dr. Sporer – Refund See Above
 6TH Race: #6 **Rock Slinger** (Tr. **Cliff DeLima**) Sick – Dr. Sporer – Refund \$ 205.18
 7TH Race: #8 **Armed Forces** (Tr. **George Papaprodromou**)
 Stewards – Ineligible – No Works – Refund \$ 540.30

11/11/19²**PHOTO FINISH II (Refer 11-10-19³)**

General Manager **David Duggan** met with the Stewards concerning yesterday's photo finish disruption. Camera supervisor **Jim Anderson** arrived overnight to vet the entire system. Preliminary indications lead him to believe that **Shannon Koerner**, the camera operator, double clicked a timing indicator which caused the camera to reset and automatically record over itself. Whether the incident is a software problem, or an operator error is yet to be determined.

11/11/19³**STEWARDS INQUIRY – THIRD RACE – NO CHANGE**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign to evaluate contact between the winner #2 **Chasing Games**, ridden by **Cristobal Herrera**, and the show horse #1 **Pacific Strike** with **Irving Orozco** in the irons. After a thorough review the Stewards took no action regarding the placings. Tapes showed that **Pacific Strike** angled out at the 3/16 while racing along the rail and made slight contact with **Casino Games** who went on to win the race.

11/11/19⁴

CLAIM VOIDED – SIXTH RACE

A claim deposited by Trainer **Isidro Tamayo**, was voided after **Dr. Jones** placed the horse on the Vet's list for lameness in the left front. The horse, **Flynn**, was returned to the care of Trainer **Felix Rondon**.

11/11/19⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

NCOT	1,011	\$ 281,516.20
GG	546	\$ 135,406.98
OUT of STATE	n/a	\$ 994,965.21
TOTAL	1,557	\$ 1,411,888.39

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
7-Nov.	3	8	Super Beauty	C. DeLima	Unsound	Dr. Sporer	\$ 108.00
7-Nov.	6	3	Cravens Champ	R. Amescua	Sick	Dr. Sporer	\$ 180.21
9-Nov.	3	2	Our Favorite City	S. Monroe	Sick	Dr. Sporer	\$ 140.76
9-Nov.	8	5	Music Babe	R. France	Sick	Dr. Cloniger	\$ 773.60
9-Nov.	9	1	La Gata Elegante	W. Baker	Sick	Dr. Sporer	\$ 158.90
10-Nov.	1	2	Just Keep Swimming	E. Moger	Sick	Dr. Christin	\$ 479.86
10-Nov.	3	4	Midnight Destiny	J. Wong	Injured	Dr. Christin	\$ 652.98
10-Nov.	6	4	Many Moods	I. Tamayo	Sick	Dr. Sporer	\$ 494.78
11-Nov.	1	4	Street Jazz	Greg James	Unsound	Dr. Sporer	\$ 555.06
11-Nov.	5	1	Maycee Jo	Bill McLean	Injured	Dr. Sporer	\$ 669.04
11-Nov.	5	6	Meet Miss Kitty	Cliff DeLima	Sick	Dr. Sporer	See Above
11-Nov.	6	6	Rock Slinger	C. DeLima	Sick	Dr. Sporer	\$ 205.18

SUMMARY

	Thurs 11/7	Fri 11/8	Sat 11/9	Sun 11/10	Mon 11/11	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	2	1	0	3	5
Claims	0	1	1	2	3	7	26
Disqualification	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Inquiries	0	0	0	0	1	1	12
Refunds	7	0	7	6	5	25	82
Rulings	4	3	1	0	0	8	16
Voided Claims	1	2	0	0	1	4	10

JH/DD